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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: BAUN et al.

Patent No.: 6,304,376

Issued: October 16, 2001

Title: FULLY AUTOMATED TELESCOPE
SYSTEM WITH DISTRIBUTED
INTELLIGENCE

Art Unit: 2872

Examiner: Winstedt

PETITION FOR CORRECTION OF INVENTORSHIP OF PATENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.324, the Applicants respectfully request to correct the original naming of inventors in the declaration as set forth and filed on April 18, 2000. Specifically, the Applicants wish to remove the following named persons as inventors of this application: John E. Smith, Michael A. Wachala, Brent G. Duchon, and Stanley H. Dewan.

In support of this Petition, Applicants attach the following:

- (a) A statement from the person being added as an inventor that the error in inventorship occurred without deceptive intention on his part;
- (b) A statement from the current inventors not being added and from the inventor being removed agreeing to the change in inventorship; and
- (c) Written assent of the assignee.

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Our check in the amount of \$130.00 is enclosed for the payment of the petition fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(b). The Commissioner is authorized to charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0639.

In addition, the Applicants respectfully request that the order of inventors in this application be changed as reflected in the attached declaration. Specifically, the order of inventors should be as follows:

Kenneth W. Baun, John E. Hoot, and Brian G. Tingey.

Respectfully submitted,



Brian M. Berliner
Attorney for Applicants
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STATEMENT OF FACTS REGARDING CORRECTION OF INVENTORSHIPCommissioner for Patents
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Sir:

I, John E. Smith, declare as follows:

1. I am listed as an inventor in the above-identified patent, entitled FULLY AUTOMATED TELESCOPE SYSTEM WITH DISTRIBUTED INTELLIGENCE, issued on October 16, 2001. I was erroneously listed as an inventor in the application for the above-referenced patent, as originally filed. This Statement Of Facts is provided in support of a Petition For Correction Of Inventorship submitted concurrently herewith.

2. The erroneous listing of my name as an inventor in the patent occurred without any deceptive intent on my part.

3. I have no disagreement with the change in inventorship to Kenneth W. Baun, John E. Hoot, and Brian G. Tingey.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the above-referenced patent.

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John E. Smith

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Sir:

I, Michael A. Wachala, declare as follows:

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Michael A. Wachala



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Sir:

I, Brent G. Duchon, declare as follows:

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Brent G. Duchon

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Sir:

I, Stanley H. Dewan, declare as follows:

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Date: 3/17/04
Stanley H. Dewan



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Sir:

I, Kenneth W. Baun, declare as follows:

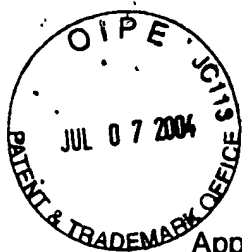
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Date: 1/13/2004

Kenneth W. Baun
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Sir:

I, John E. Hoot, declare as follows:

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John E. Hoot



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Sir:

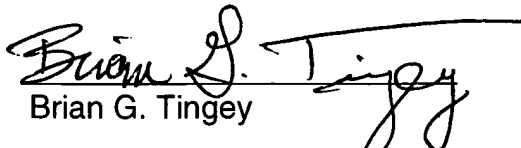
I, Brian G. Tingey, declare as follows:

1. I am listed as an inventor in the above-identified patent, entitled FULLY AUTOMATED TELESCOPE SYSTEM WITH DISTRIBUTED INTELLIGENCE, issued on October 16, 2001. I was correctly listed as an inventor in the application for the above-referenced patent, as originally filed. This Statement Of Facts is provided in support of a Petition For Correction Of Inventorship submitted concurrently herewith.

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ASSENT OF ASSIGNEE TO CORRECTION OF INVENTORSHIP

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Sir:

Meade Instruments Corp., the assignee of all rights in the above-identified patent by virtue of an assignment recorded by the Assignment Branch of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on October 26, 1999, at Reel 010358, Frame 0339 (copy enclosed), hereby assents to the correction of inventorship as requested in the petition filed concurrently to amend the application to identify Kenneth W. Baun, John E. Hoot, and Brian G. Tingey as the actual inventors of the application.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 3.73, the assignee hereby certifies that the evidentiary documents with respect to its ownership have been reviewed and that, to the best of the assignee's knowledge and belief, title is in the assignee seeking to take this action.

Date: 1-5-04

Mark Peterson
Senior Vice President and
General Counsel
Meade Instruments Corp.